

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claim 1 is amended.

Applicants thank Examiner Chen for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, David Zibelli, during the September 6, 2006 interview. The substance of the interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 3-18 under 35 USC 102 over Carteau (US Pat. 5,325,488). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed at the interview, Carteau does not disclose "said third one of said paths not intersecting with said first one of said paths or said second one of said paths, except for at an end point connecting said third one of said paths to said cache unit", as recited in claim 1. Examiner Chen agreed that Carteau does not appear to disclose this feature, subject to further consideration and/or search. No other claims or prior art were discussed during the interview, although the Examiner was provided with a copy of the proposed claim amendments, which are identical to those presented herein.

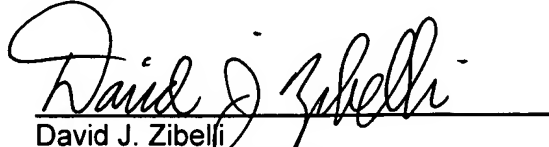
For the above reasons, it is submitted that claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom are not anticipated by Carteau. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that none of the pending claims are anticipated by or obvious over the applied references. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit of any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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